

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Introduction of OCB Exchanges

329. SHRI ISWAR PRASANNA HAZARIKA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce OCB exchanges to replace E 10-B exchanges;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the criteria on which locations of new OCB exchanges are determined; and

(d) the number of OCB exchanges functioning/under installation in various circles, circle-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) New Technology exchanges including OCB are planned for locations where the present demand is generally 10,000 or more and is likely to grow around 50,000 in next three to four years.

Remote line units parented to main OCB exchange are planned within 30 Km. of the main exchange if demand is 2000 or more.

(d) As on 31.3.97 eighty five OCB telephone exchanges are functioning in the country. Circle-wise details are placed at Statement-I

OCB telephone exchanges have been planned for sixty five cities in the country for the year 1997-98. Circle-wise details are placed at Statement-II and III.

Statement-I

List of number of extra Large OCB telephone exchanges functioning in the country as on 31.3.97.

S.No.	Circle/District	No. of Exchanges
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2
2.	Calcutta	3
3.	Chennai	2

1	2	3
4.	Gujarat	1
5.	Himachal Pradesh	4
6.	Haryana	1
7.	J & K	4
8.	Karnataka	5
9.	Kerala	5
10.	Maharashtra	8
11.	Madhya Pradesh	4
12.	North East	1
13.	Punjab	2
14.	Rajasthan	1
15.	Tamil Nadu	2
16.	U.P. (East)	5
17.	U.P. (West)	2
18.	West Bengal	2
19.	Mumbai	21
20.	Delhi	10
Total		85

Statement-II

	S.No.	Station
1	2	3
Andhra Pradesh	1.	Hyderabad
	2.	Calcutta
	3.	Chennai
	4.	Panipat
Himachal Pradesh	5.	Dharmasala
	6.	Mandi
	7.	Solan
J & K	8.	Srinagar
	9.	Jammu
Karnataka	10.	Belgaum

1	2	3
	11.	Hubli
	12.	Bangalore
	13.	Mysore
	14.	Tirur
	15.	Manjery
	16.	Tellicherry
	17.	Tiruchur
	18.	Trivandrum
Madhya Pradesh	19.	Bhopal
	20.	Gwalior
	21.	Jabalpur
	22.	Raipur
Maharashtra	23.	Nasik
	24.	Aurangabad
	25.	Dombiville
	26.	Kolapur
	27.	Pune
	28.	Solapur
North East	29.	Aizwal
	30.	Ludhiana
Rajasthan	31.	Jodhpur
	32.	Erode
	33.	Pondicherry
U.P. (East)	34.	Gorakhpur
	35.	Varanasi
U.P. (West)	36.	Dehradun
	37.	Durgapur
	38.	Siliguri
	39.	Mumabi
	40.	Delhi

Statement-III

Details of City-wise New OCB exchanges planned for 97-98.

Circle	S.No.	Station
Andhra Pradesh	1.	Nellore
	2.	Vishakhapatnam
	3.	Kakinada
	4.	Rajamundhary
Assam	5.	Guwahati
Bihar	6.	Jamshedpur
Gujarat	7.	Vadodara
Karnataka	8.	Davengere
	9.	Shimoga
	10.	Badagara
	11.	Kasaragod
Kerala	12.	Irinjalkuda
	13.	Ernakulam
	14.	Cannanore
	15.	Muvathupuzha
	16.	Nileshwar
	17.	Quilon
Maharashtra	18.	Bassein
	19.	Bhiwandi
North East	20.	Dimapur
Tamil Nadu	21.	Vellore
	22.	Pallipalayam
Uttar Pradesh (E)	23.	Faizabad
Uttar Pradesh (W)	24.	Muzaffar Nagar
West Bengal	25.	Asansol

[Translation]

**Modernisation of Telegraph Service
in Maharashtra**

330. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :